

CNC Meeting Minutes May 28, 2007

Present: Judith Edwards, Duwamish; Robin Sizemore, Northeast; Chris Leman, CNC Chair; Cheryl Klinker, North; Irene Wall, NW; George Counts, Magnolia/Queen Anne; Pat Murakami, SE; Dennis Ross, SW;

Sally Clark was ill and unable to attend the meeting.
Agenda was adopted with revision to reflect this change.

April 30 minutes were approved without changes.

Announcements

Twentieth anniversary picnic July at Jefferson Park. Children and pets ok; however, there is no playground and dogs are not allowed on the lawn bowling grounds.

District Council Successes/Challenges

NE: Challenges with member retention/attendance – workload falls on same people

N: Membership dependent on activity level in community councils. Diversity difficult to attain. Lake City and Northgate ethnic groups have formed own councils-felt North District Council was not addressing issues of importance to them. District Coordinator can make huge difference.

Greater Duwamish: Membership increasing and diversifying. Greater Duwamish District Coordinator has done great job. Corgiat Transfer Station issue creating interest. Continually fighting to keep district from becoming City's "dumping ground".

NW: Stable membership with good representation from community and businesses. Still basically a "white" group – haven't had much success diversifying. Need to find a person with skills and time to concentrate on outreach. District created a work program for the first time this year. Viewlands School issue at this time. New Critical Areas Ordinance will affect Greenwood; drainage issues with new developments built on underlying peat bog. Uncertain how this will affect Greenwood Town Center project. Lack of infrastructure in areas designated as urban town centers.

East: Very diverse area; interests are often the same however. DPD doesn't take ambience of neighborhoods into consideration when granting developers permits. Meeting moves throughout district to allow greater participation. Lack of volunteers. Schism between groups in Madison Park. Capitol Hill lacking in strong community council. Translation services helpful. Food at meetings helpful.

Downtown: Representation good. Majority business representation; reaching out to residential community. Viaduct/3rd Ave Transit/public safety major issues.

Magnolia/Queen Anne: Seattle Center Century 21 concerns. Also experiencing lack of success in diversifying council. Would be helpful to have regular updates on what community groups are doing at District Council meetings.

Southeast: Conflict in SE over who should be in District Council. Social Service agencies attending; division over whether they should be allowed. Core group still exists, but many people have stopped coming. Two-thirds of area does not have representation.

Community councils disbanding, floundering. CNC recommending that King County Dispute Resolution Center work with District Council on differences.

Southwest: Has had success in gaining new members around issues. Credentials Committee helps new groups with membership.

If you have changes to document, please give to Chris.

Holly Miller of Office for Education will be attending next meeting to talk about Education Levy and School re-use.

Community Building Workshop – Neighborhood Plan Implementation Committee

Event was successful. 75-80 people attended. Councilmember Clark did good job. Participants filled out survey. Panel discussion/then three breakout groups. City looking at process for updating neighborhood plans. DPD will take lead, not DON. Will look at writing a letter after questionnaires and notes are reviewed and more is known about plan. Councilmember Clark urging Executive branch to come to CNC early with ideas and for input. Encourage folks to fill out auditor's survey on-line. Concern over adequate community input in new process; need to ensure this is done. Concerns over public benefit over increase in heights; was put before Council for Comp Plan that funds should go first to creating permanently affordable housing.

Budget Committee – If you have specific budget requests, get letters to Mayor now.

Transportation Committee – Ref not attending, no report

City-wide Review Team/NMF – Twenty-five projects up for funding. Would like more time to meet with groups. Feeling that City Departments are pushing certain projects over others. CNC will be approving projects at its June meeting. Recommendations go to Mayor's Office the following day. Need to keep requesting more money for NMF in the budget.

Outreach funds for September Workshop – funds available for this. Need to work with your district coordinator on. Let Chris know if your District Council is interested in sponsoring.

NSF/CRF – List of projects not yet available. Scott will provide list as soon as it is available. CNC would have liked more opportunity for input on process. Question arose over acceptability of e-mailed applications. District Councils being asked to prioritize projects in June/July. Difficult time for them to prioritize; would prefer September. Budget cycle pushes timeline. BTG Levy projects have longer timeline for review. Why is this different? Request for DON/City Council to encourage SDOT to give more time.